

FISH CONSUMPTION SURVEY



What is the problem?

There is a lack of published data on fish consumption rates for recreational fishers in the Gulf area for the purpose of developing advisories related to the Gulf oil spill and other events.

What did Tracking do?

LEPHT evaluated data from a 2007-08 survey for recreational fishers. Data were geo-referenced and species-specific fish consumption rates were evaluated at the local level.

Improved public health

A paper was written summarizing findings and submitted to the *Environmental Research* journal: “Fishing, Fish Consumption and Advisory Awareness among Louisiana’s Recreational Fishers”. It provides recommendations to guide monitoring actions, outreach and advisory development in this region. These recommendations will improve program efficiency which will result in improved public health.